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PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
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Nicholas C. NICOLAIDES, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1642
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Serial No.: 09/853,646) Examiner: TBA
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Filed: May 14, 2001) Attorney Docket No. 001107.00138
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For: A METHOD FOR GENERATING)
HYPERMUTABLE ORGANISMS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

This application claims the benefit of 60/204,769 filed May 17, 2000, the disclosures of which are explicitly incorporated herein.

No fee is believed to be due to enter this paper. If such a fee is deemed required, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 14, 2002

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